IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.K.BASHEER

WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH JULY 2007 / 27TH ASHADHA 1929

WP(C).No. 22031 of 2007(W)

PETITIONER:

1. JOMY M. THOMAS,
   H.S.S.T. (COMMERCE), ST. SEBASTIAN'S HIGHER SECONODARY SCHOOL, VAZHITHALA, THODUPUZHA VIA., IDUKKI DISTRICT.

2. SAJI JOHN,
   H.S.S.T. (ENGLISH), ST. SEBASTIAN'S HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, VAZHITHALA, THODUPUZHA VIA., IDUKKI DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.P.J.MATHEW

RESPONDENTS:

1. THE STATE OF KERALA,
   REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GOVT.SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. THE SECRETARY,
   CORPORATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY, DIOCESE OF KOTHAMANGALAM, BISHOP'S HOUSE, KOTHAMANGALAM.

4. THE PRINCIPAL,
   ST. SEBASTIAN'S HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, VAZHITHALA, THODUPUZHA VIA., IDUKKI DISTRICT.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.A.J.VARGHESE

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 18/07/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

A.K.BASHEER, J.

W.P.(C)No.22031 OF 2007

Dated this the 18th day of July, 2007

JUDGMENT

Petitioners are stated to be working as Higher Secondary School teachers in Commerce and English respectively. Grievance of the petitioners is that approval for their appointment as HSST with effect from December 20, 2001 or atleast with effect from March 28, 2002 has been declined without any justifiable reasons. According to them, they had passed the State Eligibility Test which was held on March 17, 2002. The result of the test was published on March 28, 2002.

2. Anyhow, I do not propose to deal with the above contention at this stage in view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioners at the Bar. He submits that petitioners have preferred Exts.P9 and P10 respectively before respondent no.1 highlighting all the relevant aspects of the issue and petitioners will be satisfied, if an appropriate direction is issued to the said authority to take a decision on them expeditiously.

3. In the above facts and circumstances, writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.1 to consider and pass orders on Exts.P9 and P10 strictly on their merit and in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. Needless to mention that petitioners and the manager of the school shall be afforded sufficient opportunity to be heard before any decision is taken in the matter. Petitioners shall produce a copy of the writ petition along with a certified copy of the judgment before respondent no.1 for compliance.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

A.K.BASHEER, JUDGE

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